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(*b*) what instructions were issued by the Government on these representations?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Eight petitions relating to the districts of Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli, South Arcot and North Arcot were transferred to the Collectors concerned for disposal. Sixteen petitions relating to the Nilgiris district were received.

" The Government have ordered that the collection of loan amounts sanctioned for digging and deepening wells in Dharapuram taluk, Coimbatore district, should be postponed till the end of June 1954. In the case of the Nilgiris and Tiruchirappalli districts, the Collector and his subordinates have been directed to use their discretion before taking coercive steps. The Government have further issued orders that coercive steps should not be taken for the collection of loan instalments in the areas mentioned below :—

Tirunelveli district	..	**Sankarankoil taluk, excluding Vasudevanallur firka.**
		The entire Koilpatti taluk.
		Madavankurichi and Gangaikondan firkas of Tirunelveli taluk and Radhapuram sub-taluk of Nanguneri taluk.
Ramanathapuram district.		**Srivilliputtur taluk.**
South Arcot district	..	**Gingee and Tindivanam taluks.**
Tanjore district	..	**Sengipatti, Vallam, Ulur and Murthiambalpuram firkas of Tanjore taluk.**
		Nachikulam and Thalainayar firkas of Tiruturaipundi taluk.
Chingleput district		**Kancheepuram and Chingleput taluks.**
North Arcot district	..	**Wandiwash taluk.**

" In the remaining taluks of Chingleput and North Arcot districts and in the Madurai district the Collectors and their subordinates have been instructed to use their discretion before taking coercive action."

The Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme.

* 763 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorial, dated 3rd January 1954, from the Tiruchirappalli Taluk Kadarambam Mirasdars' Association, regarding the Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The representation was examined, but the scheme having been deferred only a little previously, in view of the uncertain supplies in the Cauvery, no action could be taken on it pending concrete evidence of a marked improvement in the water position over a period."

SRI S. THINAKARASWAMI THEVAR :—" May I know whether the prior concurrence of any other State is needed before this Pullambadi Scheme can be taken up? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" போன ஆண்டில் காவிரித் தண்ணீர் அதிகரித்து கடலில் போய் வீணாக கலந்துவிட்டது. இந்த கட்டளைமேல் வாய்க்காலை விஸ்தரித்து இங்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய ஏரிகளுக்கும், குட்டைகளுக்கும் தண்ணீர் அதிகரிக்கச்செய்ய அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா? அப்படி முன் வருவார்களென்றால் அங்கு இருப்பவர்கள் பணம் திரட்டிக்கொடுக்கத் தயாராய் இருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The water position is being studied. We are trying to include the scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan. We discussed about the Pullambadi Scheme and the Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and they were considered quite feasible. There is every possibility of the schemes being approved. Only we have to furnish some details to the Planning Commission. I am very sanguine that these schemes will be included in the Second Five-Year Plan."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the panic created by the District Officers saying in the non-delta and delta irrigation conferences that the Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme will not be taken up and that it has been definitely dropped? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member can take my reply at its full value. Why should he be disturbed when the District Officers' statement is contrary to what I have said on the floor of this House? "

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Illicit cutting of trees in forests.

99 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of Government forests in South Kanara district, talukwar;

(*b*) the total income from the forest during 1950–51, 1951–52, 1952–53 and the expenditure incurred to maintain them during these years;